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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed within three months of the U.S. filing date (37 CFR 1.97(b)(1)).

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii), Applicant has not submitted a copy of the U.S. patent. Applicant submits herewith copies of foreign patents in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

Citations AA, BA-BE and BK are cited in the Search Report (copy previously filed) issued in the corresponding PCT Application PCT/JP2005/003875.

Citation BE is discussed on page 1, line 30 to page 2, line 3 of the specification. Citation BF is discussed on page 1, lines 21-29 of the specification. Citation BG is discussed on page 2, lines 11-19 and page 3, lines 16-22 of the specification. Citation BH is discussed on page 2, lines 25-32 of the specification. Citation BI is discussed on page 2, lines 33-35 and page 3, lines 16-22 of the specification. Citation BJ is discussed on page 3, lines 7-12 and 16-22 of the specification.

In addition, Citation AA claims priority from Citation BA. Also, the relevance of Citations BA-BF and BH-BJ can be found in their attached English language abstracts. Moreover, the relevance of Citation BB can be found in its attached English language machine translation.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 CFR 1.56(a) exists. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(h), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to be an admission that any patent, publication or other information referred to therein is “prior art” for this invention unless specifically designated as such.

It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

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